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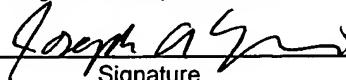
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby cites the following references:

**U.S. Documents**

Publication No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,119,472	10/10/1978	Brashear, Jr. et al.

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967,934	08/26/1964	United Kingdom
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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

Each of these references was cited in a European Patent Office Search Report in a counterpart European application. Regarding EP 0 193 751 A3, the European Patent Office Search Report stated that page 9 and examples 5 and 6 were relevant to claims 1-10. Regarding EP 0 298 860 A1, the European Patent Office Search Report stated that the document was relevant to claims 1-10. Regarding DE 198 45 761 A1, the European Patent Office Search Report stated that example 1 was relevant to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

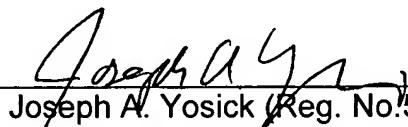
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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